

### **A call for letters to Congressman Westerman**

asking him to designate funding in the Explore Act to support the Buffalo.

A short note to him could applaud his affection for the Buffalo and ask that he designate funding to support the BNR.

A sample message BRWA supporters could paraphrase and add their own words:

Representative Westerman,

I read your statement about the Buffalo National River in the newspaper. I agree that it's worth fighting for the improvement of this jewel. Thank you for your public support of Arkansas' Buffalo National River. Our Buffalo National River is in real need of dollars for infrastructure and proposed improvements. Increasing visitation is crowding and straining its outdoor appeal. Within this new Explore Act, will you please designate specific funding that is needed, as outlined in the BNR's own studies and proposals, to update this national treasure in the heart of Arkansas?

Westerman's statement:

"Westerman referenced the importance of outdoor recreation in his life, citing Hot Springs National Park in his hometown, the Ouachita National Forest, the Ozark National Forest and the Buffalo National River as important areas in his congressional district.

"I've been very blessed to live near and recreate on some of the most beautiful public lands and waters in this country," he said.

"While we might disagree on many things, we're united in the fact that expanding access to outdoor lands and improving the experience for outdoor recreation on federal lands and waters is something worth fighting for."